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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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FOLLOWING SENT WARSAW FROM SECSTATE WASHDC 15 NOV 73:

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO WARSAW

REF: YOUR T-5852 OF 10 NOVEMBER 1973

1. UNLIKE HIS UNCOOPERATIVE PREDECESSOR, NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO POLAND LOUIS DAUGE (PRONOUNCED DOHZH), 55, HELD IN HIGH REGARD AND HAS TISTORY OF GOOD WORKING RELATIONS WITH US DIPLOMATS. ALWAYS FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE, HAS IMPRESSED DIPLOMATS WITH HIS CANDOR AND STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS. SOFT-SPOKEN AND MILD-MANNERED BUT CAN BE QUIETLY OUT-SPOKEN. SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, AND HAS GENUINE UNDERSTANDING OF THE US AND AS RESULT OF 5-YEAR ASSIGNMENT IN NEW YORK WITH UN IS ACCUSTOMED TO AMERICAN WORKING HABITS AND PSYCHOLOGY. WORKS EQUALLY WELL WITH BRITISH.

2. INDEPENDENT THINKER AND POLITICALLY MORE CENTRIST THAN GAULLIST IN OUTLOOK, ERGO PROBABLY HAS MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE THAN GAULLISTS TOWARD ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES.

3. CAREER DIPLOMAT OVER 25 YEARS WITH WIDE EXPERIENCE IN ALMOST EVERY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA: NORTH AMERICA, ASIA, AFRICA AND NOW EUROPE. PREVIOUS TROUBLESHOOTING ASSIGNMENTS AS AMBASSADOR TO CAMBODIA (1968-73) AND CONGO BRAZZAVILLE (1965-68) TESTIMONIALS TO HIS ABILITY RATHER THAN HIS POLITICS. ALTHOUGH IN DISAGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING BEST COURSE OF ACTION FOR FRANCE IN CAMBODIA, HE NEVER FAILED TO FAITHFULLY CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS. EARLIER POSTINGS ABROAD INCLUDE ALGIERS (1964-65), THE UN (1957-62), BANGKOK (1951-54), AND MEXICO CITY (1946-48).

4. COMES FROM FINE BOURGEOIS FAMILY. MODERATE IN HIS HABITS; DRINKS VERY LITTLE. HAS CHARMING WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS.

5. FULL BIO FOLLOWS. RUSH

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